

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 14, 2005

**Attending:**

Board Members: Sue Bannon, Jack Hauck, Luci Lynch, Jean Marchant, Jane Richardson, Gladys Robertson and Merle Welsh.

Associate Members: Roseann Brozenske, Marion D'Ambrosio and John Suminsby  
Outreach Coordinator Trudy Reid and Van Supervisor John Marks

Guest: Jean Eddy

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Chairman Hauck with a special "thank you" to three long-time members who were leaving the Board as of today. These include: Gladys Robertson, Sue Bannon and Bobbi Black. He expressed gratitude for their many years on the Board, noting Gladys' work with overnight trips; Sue's service as Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Secretary; and Bobbi's many years of working with the Holiday Flower delivery. They will all be missed!

Minutes of the Meeting of May 10, 2005 were accepted following the correction of the spelling of Howard Frisch's name.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Bannon did not have her report with her, however, she stated she would close out the ledger, and give it to the new treasurer with all final bills recorded. She will also try to encumber any amounts remaining, to assist with the forming of a Friends Group (which is now underway). Since the Coordinator noted she could not pay for the beverages for the up-coming Volunteer Reception out of Town Funds, it was **Moved, Seconded and Voted** unanimously, to use money from the Gift Account to cover this expense.

**TRIPS** Jane Richardson reportd she has 44 people booked for the Cabbage Island Trip on June 29. Upcoming trips include: a July 15th trip to a Spirit Ball Game in Lynn, at \$15/pp, leaving from the Old Hamilton Library parking lot at 5:30 P.M.; the Ice Cream Social on August 10th, leaving Enon Village at 2:30 (*drivers are needed for this event*), and a September 14th trip to Foxwoods at \$21/pp, leaving at 7:00 A.M. from the Wenham Town Hall parking lot on Main st. She is also looking into a possible Christmas Cabaret in N.H. on December 6th - *No prices or fliers available as yet.*

**VAN:** John Marks stated that since the addition of the donation box in the Van, donations have increased. \$528 has been received so far this year. Ridership continues to grow, with new riders each month. John reported that the chair lift is now working, and the Van is in good order. In response to a coment on the less than adequate AC noted by the Chairman, John agreed to check into the problem. It was also noted that continued high usage by Hamilton may result in a lower cost to Wenham in the next fiscal year.

COFFEES John Suminsby commented that the last coffee hour on June 4th was attended by 47 people and was "very exciting". The program for June 18th will feature slides from a visit to Africa, by Jane and Jim Shute. There will be no Coffees during July and August, and since Sept. 3rd is Labor Day Weekend, the regular schedule will not begin until Sept. 17th. Once again John repeated his request for assistance and suggestions for future speakers etc. It was also mentioned that if the Van were available for transportation to these sessions there might be a more diverse group attending. Everyone agreed that Local Issues draw the best attendance.

In a side comment, Chairman Hauck reminded everyone about the Volunteer Awards Ceremony on June 26th at the Hamilton-Wenham Community House. Our nominee is John Suminsby.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Trudy Reid reported that she has spoken with the President of the Fire Company about the possibility of buying Seniors lunch during the annual Open House on August 20th. She is considering using coupons (printed on special stock) which could be mailed, possibly with the next Newsletter. The cost would be \$6/pp. On a **MOTION** made by Sue Bannon, **SECONDED** by Jean Marchant the Board **VOTED** unanimously to give Coupons to provide lunch for Wenham Seniors during "Wenham Day", up to an amount not to exceed \$600.

- \* Trudy reported that she has completed and submitted the Grant application and is waiting for a response.

- \* Work on the Membership Plaque has been put on the back burner for the time being, but Trudy commented that she would appreciate some assistance with this project. Any Board member who can give her some time should contact her.

- \* Working with Lorraine Frerk from Hamilton, Trudy has arranged for Senior Discounts with Cranberry Quilters and Curves. She hopes to add Angora's and Mary Beth's soon.

- \* Trudy thanked Kit Richardson, Jane Richardson, Jack Hauck, and Luci Lynch for helping with the last mailing of the Newsletter. John Marks also assisted.

- \* Trudy noted that Wenham Seniors are welcome to purchase meals during the summer at Lamson Hall in Hamilton at a cost of \$2.

- \* The Body Mass Index Program is still scheduled for July 12th at the Rec Building, and plans for a Blood Drive in August are on-going.

- \* There will be a meeting on the TRIAD program on June 20th at 10:30 at the Hamilton Wenham Library. A representative from the Essex County Sheriff's Department and an Officer from the Wenham Police will attend this meeting. In addition, Trudy has personally invited 20 community members she hopes may be interested in serving on the Council which is required in order for TRIAD to operate. The public is invited to attend. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

- \* The COA Thank You Reception is all set for June 23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Community House. Gourmet Delights is the Caterer. Chairman Hauck will emcee the event and Selectman Tom Tanous has agreed to say a few words. Dr. Marinel McGrath and possibly someone from Senior Care will also attend.

\*Due to financial concerns, the Cook Out originally planned for June 28th has been cancelled.

**Old Business:**

**Building Repairs:** The Coordinator reported that new carpeting will be installed within the next month or so. She and John Marks will continue to discuss new furniture with Jeff Chelgren, during the summer.

It has been decided **not** to try to place outlets in the floor due to concerns voiced by the Electrical Inspector.

**Sign:** No further action has been taken on a sign for the building, the cost of which has been estimated at \$700-\$900. This would be similar to the sign at the Cutler School.

**Wish List:** The creation of a "wish list" was briefly discussed. This might include such items as the sign, and a new stove.

**Friends:** Nothing new has been done towards creating a Friends group. Sue Bannon reported the Howard Frisch extended a professional discount to the Board for his presentation at the last meeting.

**Data Base:** This is still in limbo due to the continuation of the Town Meeting ..

**New Business:**

The Board discussed the creation of a new Title for the Outreach Coordinator. The Chairman explained that her experience at area meetings has shown that, generally speaking, the position of Outreach Coordinator is secondary in most Towns, and Trudy feels she can be more influential with a different title. No increase in salary is involved. This has been discussed with Jeff Chelgren, and he has no problem with a title change. On a **MOTION** made by Sue Bannon and **SECONDED** by Jane Richardson, the Board **VOTED** unanimously to change the title from Outreach Coordinator to COA-Director.

In response to a question Chairman Hauck explained that the Council consists of 9 Board Members, who are required to attend 9 meetings per year. They are allowed to make and vote on Motions. There can be an unlimited number of Associate Members, who participate fully in discussions, but may not vote. Associates also serve on subcommittees and are a very important conduit for ideas. He concluded by expressing a need for more new members from all areas of Town.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Next Meeting: **September 13, 2005**  
Lucille Lynch  
Secretary